

Flake amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–160) that sought to amend the Mississippi River-Illinois Water Way Project to allow construction of locks and dams if certain requirements are met (by a recorded vote of 105 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 377). **Pages H5873–76, H5879**

H. Res. 346, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to yesterday, July 13.

Privileged Senate Message: The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the papers accompanying H.R. 2985, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY 2006. **Page H5810**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18 for morning hour debate, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday July 19. **Page H5910**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 20. **Page H5882**

Celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our nation: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 355, celebrating Walt Disney's contributions to our nation. **Pages H5883–84**

Agreed to the Tom Davis of Virginia amendment to the preamble. **Page H5884**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a report providing information on matters relating to the Palestinian Security Service and Palestinian Authority reform—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc.109–44). **Page H5910**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H5803 and H5910.

Senate Referrals: S. 1395 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5807, H5808, H5808–09, H5878–79, H5879, H5880 and H5880–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT/FOREST SERVICE NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Bureau of Land Management/

Forest Service National Fire Plan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mary Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service; Robert A. Robinson, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and Bruce D. McDowell, Fellow National Academy of Public Administration.

MID-SESSION REVIEW BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 609, College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005.

STATE HIGH RISK POOL FUNDING EXTENSION ACT; PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3204, State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005; and H.R. 3205, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD—ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “One Year Later: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Project BioShield.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Public Health Emergency Preparedness; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; John Vitko, Jr., Director, Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “The Secretary's Second-Stage Review: Rethinking the Department of Homeland Security's Organization and Policy Direction.” Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

**NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR
NEGOTIATIONS**

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “North Korean Nuclear Negotiations: Strategies and Prospects for Success.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES
COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT OF
2005**

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005.

NEW YORK TRIBAL LAND CLAIMS

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing entitled “Status of Settling Recognized Tribes’ Land Claims in the State of New York.” Testimony was heard from Michael Olsen, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 233, Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act; H.R. 1129, Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2720, Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act; and H.R. 2875, Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management; and Jim Tate, Science Advisor to the Secretary; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Sam Aanestad, Senator, State of California; and public witnesses.

NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3070, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 230, National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005; H.R. 527, Vocational and Technical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005; H.R. 2981, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians; and H.R. 3207, Second-Stage Small Business Development Act of 2005.

OVERSIGHT—CELL USE ON AIRCRAFT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Cell Phones on Aircraft: Nuisance or Necessity? Testimony was heard from Nicholas Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Julius Knapp, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; Laura Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

**DISASTER RELIEF EQUITY ACT; RURAL
DISASTER ASSISTANCE FAIRNESS ACT**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 3208, Disaster Relief Equity Act of 2005; and H.R. 2338, amended, Rural Disaster Assistance Fairness Act of 2005.

VETERANS’ MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3200, Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005; and H. Res. 361, Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930.

WELFARE AND WORK DATA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare and Work Data. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 739)

H.R. 120, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 30777 Rancho California Road in Temecula, California, as the “Dalip